## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action of September 12, 2005, has been carefully considered.

It is noted that claims 1-3, 8-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over the patent to Lee.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Lee.

Finally, it is noted that claims 4, 6, 7 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In view of the Examiner's rejections of the claims applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable dependant claim 4. Furthermore, independent claim 9 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependant claim 11 together with intervening dependant claim 10.

In view of these changes, and the Examiner's indication that claims 4 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 9 are now in condition for allowance, as are the claim which depend therefrom.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that rejection of claims 1-13, 8-10 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

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